

BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

Application of Southern California Edison Company (U 338-E) For Authority to, Among Other Things, Increase Its Authorized Revenues For Electric Service in 2003, And to Reflect That Increase in Rates.

Application 02-05-004
(Filed May 3, 2002)

Investigation on the Commission's Own Motion into the Rates, Operations, Practices, Service and Facilities of Southern California Edison Company.

Investigation 02-06-002
(Filed June 6, 2002)

**ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE'S RULING
ON POST-HEARING PROCEDURES**

1. Summary

This ruling addresses post-hearing procedural matters in Southern California Edison Company's (SCE) test year 2003 general rate case (GRC). Among other things, the procedures and schedule adopted in the August 8, 2002 *Assigned Commissioner's Ruling Establishing Scope, Schedule, and Procedures for Proceeding* (ACR) are modified and supplemented in certain respects.

2. Comparison Exhibit

The due date for the comparison exhibit was changed from March 10, 2003 to March 17, 2003. (Tr. V. 47, p. 4569.) In addition to the comparison of the positions of SCE and Office of Ratepayer Advocates (ORA) as provided in the Rate Case Plan, a listing of the positions of Aglet Consumer Alliance (Aglet) and

The Utility Reform Network (TURN), and the estimated revenue requirement impacts of those positions, will be provided. (*Id.*)

3. Transcript Corrections

Any party proposing a transcript correction shall make such request by letter addressed to the undersigned and served on all parties. Requests are due by Friday, March 28, 2003. Service by e-mail is acceptable. Any objections to such requests shall be similarly served by letter and are due April 4, 2003.

4. Briefing Schedule

The procedural schedule adopted in the ACR provides that opening briefs (and requests for oral argument) are due April 4, 2003 and that reply briefs are due April 21, 2003. ORA requests two additional weeks for the filing of briefs. SCE opposes any change in the schedule that would cause a delay in the issuance of a final decision, but it does not oppose other adjustments to the schedule.

Experience has shown that the time required for review and analysis of the record by decisionmakers can potentially be reduced if parties have had adequate time to produce complete, high-quality briefs. Accordingly, I am persuaded that the briefing schedule should be extended by two weeks. Opening briefs (and requests for oral argument) are due April 18, 2003. Reply briefs are due May 5, 2003.

5. Briefing Format

SCE produced and circulated a draft common briefing outline that was the subject of comment and discussion by the parties on February 27, 2003. I have incorporated the parties' suggestions regarding the draft to the extent shown in the attached outline (Attachment A). Parties filing briefs are asked to follow this outline. However, any party who finds it necessary to deviate from the outline

should so state at the beginning of its brief and explain the organization it has used in lieu of the common outline.

I request that SCE append to its opening brief a glossary of acronyms used in this proceeding. Other parties may choose to do so. I also ask that copies of briefs served on the Administrative Law Judge (ALJ) be submitted in Microsoft Word format.

6. Update Hearings

The adopted schedule provides that update materials shall be served by May 9, 2003 and that update hearings shall begin May 27, 2003. It is possible that update hearings will not be required. Any party who believes that evidentiary hearings are required with respect to the update materials served on May 9, and who makes request, therefore, shall so advise the ALJ and parties by e-mail on or before May 19, 2003. In the absence of such request, the update hearings may be removed from calendar.

IT IS RULED that:

1. The comparison exhibit is due March 17, 2003. In addition to the comparison of the Southern California Edison Company and Office of Ratepayer Advocates (ORA) positions as provided in the Rate Case Plan, a listing of the positions of Aglet Consumer Alliance and The Utility Reform Network, and the estimated revenue requirement impacts of those positions, shall be included.
2. Requests for transcript corrections shall be made by letter to the undersigned. Requests are due by Friday, March 28, 2003, and shall be served on all parties. Service by e-mail is acceptable. Any objections to such requests shall be similarly served by letter and are due April 4, 2003.

3. Opening briefs (and requests for oral argument) are due April 18, 2003. Reply briefs are due May 5, 2003. Parties are asked to follow the briefing outline attached hereto as Attachment A.

4. Any party who believes that evidentiary hearings are required with respect to the update materials served on May 9, 2003, shall so advise the Administrative Law Judge and parties by e-mail due by close of business on May 19, 2003.

Dated March 11, 2003, at San Francisco, California.

/s/ MARK S. WETZELL

Mark S. Wetzell
Administrative Law Judge

ATTACHMENT A

Briefing Outline

1. Introduction

1.1 Summary Of Recommendations

1.2 Procedural Background

1.3 Summary of Evidence

2. Policy and Legal Issues

This section addresses overarching or generic legal and policy issues. For example, parties would address general policies for forecasting methodologies here. The comparative rate levels issue raised by ORA would be addressed here.

3. Generation

3.1 San Onofre Nuclear Generating Station

3.1.1 Capital Expenditures

3.1.2 Operations And Maintenance Expenses

3.1.3 Refueling Expenses

3.2 Palo Verde Nuclear Generating Station

3.2.1 Capital Expenditures

3.2.2 Operations And Maintenance Expenses

3.3 Mohave Generating Station

3.3.1 Capital Expenditures

3.3.2 Operations And Maintenance Expenses

3.4 Four Corners Generating Station

3.4.1 Capital Expenditures

3.4.2 Operations And Maintenance Expenses

3.5 Hydroelectric Generation

3.5.1 Capital Expenditures

3.5.2 Operations And Maintenance Expenses

3.6 Other Generation

3.7 Capital Additions For 1997-1998

3.7.1 Policy Criteria and Legal Standards

3.7.2 Coal-Fired Generating Stations

3.7.3 Hydroelectric Generating Stations

4. Transmission and Distribution

4.1 Level of Service

4.2 Capital

4.3 Operations And Maintenance Expenses

4.3.1 Transmission O&M

4.3.2 Distribution O&M

4.4 Wood Pole Inspection And Maintenance

4.5 Line And Service Extension Rules

4.6 Undergrounding (Rule 20B)

4.7 Electric Transportation

This section will also address ORA'S Audit Report re Electric Transportation.

5. Customer Service

5.1 Operations And Maintenance Expenses

5.1.1 Customer Service Operations

5.1.2 Customer Service & Informational

5.2 Service Fees And Other Operating Revenues

5.3 Capital

5.4 Service Guarantees

6. Administrative and General

6.1 Introduction And Overview

6.2 Financial Organizations, Capitalized A&G, Capitalized P&B

6.3 Legal And Regulatory, Workers Compensation, Insurance

This section will also address ORA's Audit Report Issues on SCE's legal expenses.

6.4 Shared Services

6.4.1 Expenses

6.4.2 Capital Expenditures

6.5 Information Technology

6.5.1 Expenses

6.5.2 Capital Expenditures

6.5.3 Y2K And IBM Charges

This section will also address the related ORA Audit Report on Y2K issues.

6.6 Capitalized Software

6.7 Human Resources

6.7.1 Human Resources Departmental Expenses

6.7.2 Compensation

6.7.2.1 Executive Benefits

6.7.2.2 Total Compensation Study

6.7.2.3 Spot Bonus

6.7.2.4 Executive Compensation And Philanthropy

6.7.2.5 Results Sharing

6.7.2.6 ACE Awards

6.7.3 Pensions And Benefits

6.7.3.1 Pensions

6.7.3.2 Employee 401(k) Plan

6.7.3.3 Medical Programs

6.7.3.4 Dental Programs

6.7.3.5 Vision Plan

6.7.3.6 PBOPS

6.7.3.7 Disability Programs

6.7.3.8 Group Life Insurance

6.7.3.9 Miscellaneous Benefits

Redeployment Costs, other.

6.8 Public Affairs, Corporate Communications

6.8.1 Public Affairs

6.8.2 Corporate Communications

6.9 Qualifying Facilities, Energy Supply And Management

6.9.1 Qualifying Facilities Departmental Expenses

6.9.2 Energy Supply And Management

6.10 Error Rate In ORA Audit Report

See Exhibit 116, p. 3-4.

7. ORA Audit Issues

This section will address audit issues not addressed elsewhere.

7.1 Edison Select Costs

7.2 Energy Marketing Affiliate

8. Rate Base

9. Depreciation And Amortization

10. Other Results of Operations Issues

10.1 Productivity

10.2 Sales And Customer Forecast

10.3 Cost Escalation

10.4 Taxes

11. Post Test Year Ratemaking

12. Cost Separation

13. Performance Incentives

13.1 Policies And Principles

13.2 Safety Mechanism

13.3 Distribution Reliability

13.4 Customer Satisfaction

14. Issues Raised by Energy Division

14.1 Integrated Resource Planning

14.2 Utility-Owned Generation

14.3 Capital Budgeting

14.4 Supplier Diversity Programs

14.5 Land Use

15. Other Issues

This section would address any issues within the scope of this proceeding not addressed elsewhere under this outline.

16. CONCLUSION

(END OF ATTACHMENT A)

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I certify that I have by mail this day served a true copy of the original attached Administrative Law Judge's Ruling on Post-Hearing Procedures on all parties of record in this proceeding or their attorneys of record. In addition, service was also performed by electronic mail.

Dated March 11, 2003, San Francisco, California.

/s/ FANNIE SID

Fannie Sid

N O T I C E

Parties should notify the Process Office, Public Utilities Commission, 505 Van Ness Avenue, Room 2000, San Francisco, CA 94102, of any change of address to insure that they continue to receive documents. You must indicate the proceeding number on the service list on which your name appears.